

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims. 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A crystalline associated complex of claim 1 consisting of α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose and calcium chloride.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) The crystalline associated complex of claim 109, wherein the molar ratio of said calcium chloride to said α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose is about one.

12. (Currently amended) A-The crystalline associated complex of claim 9, which has main diffraction angles (2 θ) of 12.6°, 19.8°, 21.3°, and 22.0° on powdery X-ray diffraction analysis.

13. (Currently amended) A process for producing an a crystalline associated complex consisting of α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose and a ~~metal ion compound~~ calcium chloride, which comprises the steps of:

forming an associated complex of α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose and a ~~metal ion compound~~ calcium chloride by mixing said α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose with said ~~metal ion compound~~ calcium chloride; and

crystallizing said associated complex from the solution; and

collecting the resulting associated complex crystal.

Claims 14-26. (Canceled)